

Farm Facts For South Carolina

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CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during December, down 2 percent from last year. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,228,000 birds, down 2 percent from 4,303,000 a year ago. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,271 eggs, compared with 2,277 in 2011.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 8.07 billion during December 2012, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.03 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 969 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2012 averaged 344 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,346 eggs, unchanged from December 2011.

Average Layers and Egg Production, DECEMBER, 2012

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	9,137	182	1,992
Florida	8,537	200	2,343
Georgia	17,380	373	2,146
North Carolina	12,897	271	2,101
South Carolina	4,228	96	2,271
United States	344,097	8,073	2,346

BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month December, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.2 million chicks, down 1 percent from last year's 19.3 million chicks.

THE UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2012 totaled 763 million, up 1 percent from December 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 611 million on January 1, 2013, down 4 percent from a year earlier.

CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	December 2012	Cumulative 2012
	Thousand	
<i>Broiler Type:</i>		
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,182	224,621
United States	762,690	8,924,917
<i>Egg Type:</i>		
United States	37,130	467,355

COTTON GINNINGS GINNINGS: As of January 15, 2011-2013 States and United States

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2010 Crop January 15, 2011	2011 Crop January 15, 2012	2012 Crop January 15, 2013
All Cotton			
Alabama	461,500	666,550	711,150
Arizona	454,650	522,350	466,950
Arkansas	1,100,200	1,198,800	1,244,650
Georgia	2,180,750	2,367,350	2,603,800
Louisiana	438,950	513,600	475,350
Mississippi	814,200	1,145,250	909,750
North Carolina	935,700	1,020,550	1,194,150
South Carolina	349,700	437,350	448,800
Tennessee	667,500	809,950	731,400
Texas	7,537,650	3,446,500	4,891,850
United States	17,137,700	14,457,650	16,055,600

GRAIN STOCKS

SOUTH CAROLINA SOYBEAN stocks stored in off-farm positions on December 1, 2012 totaled 3.16 million bushels, compared to 2.27 million bushels stored December 1, 2011. **CORN** stocks stored in off-farm facilities totaled 3.18 million bushels, as of December 1, 2012, compared to 3.94 million bushels stored off-farm on December 1, 2011. **WHEAT** stocks stored off the farm totaled 1.26 million bushels on December 1, 2012 compared to 1.67 thousand bushels stored off the farm a year ago.

S.C. GRAIN STOCKS, December 1, 2012

Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm1/	Total Positions
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		
Soybeans	*	3,162	*
All Wheat	*	1,260	*
Corn	*	3,183	*
Oats	*	*	*

U.S. GRAIN STOCKS, December 1, 2012

Grain	On-Farm	Off-Farm1/	Total Positions
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		
Soybeans	910,000	1,055,613	1,965,613
All Wheat	399,500	1,260,355	1,659,855
Corn	4,586,000	3,444,474	8,030,474
Oats	26,000	47,053	73,053

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: Selected States, and United States, December 2012

[includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. Totals and percentages based on unrounded data]

Selected States	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2012 as % of 2011
	----- Million Pounds -----		----- Percent -----	
<i>Florida</i>	9.5	10.4	9.2	97
<i>Georgia</i>	12.0	13.1	11.7	97
<i>Kansas</i>	416.6	440.2	410.3	98
<i>Nebraska</i>	606.7	624.1	577.5	95
<i>North Carolina</i>	203.1	229.4	206.6	102
SOUTH CAROLINA	21.3	21.3	19.5	92
<i>Texas</i>	404.4	408.3	380.5	94
UNITED STATES	4,215.1	4,307.8	3,996.5	95

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: United States, December 2012

[Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data]

Class	Dec 2011	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	December 2012 % of	
				December 2011	November 2012
	----- Million Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Beef	2,126.3	2,206.6	2,020.4	95	92
Veal	10.8	10.1	9.8	91	97
Pork	2,065.6	2,078.7	1,953.5	95	94
Lamb and Mutton	12.5	12.4	12.8	103	103
Total Red Meat	4,215.1	4,307.8	3,996.5	95	93

PEANUT PRICES

Peanuts: Prices and Marketings by Type and Week, United States: December 8, 2012-January 5, 2013

Item and type	Week Ending				
	December 8, 2012	December 15, 2012	December 22, 2012	December 29, 2012	January 5, 2013
	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>
Average Price					
Runners	0.330	0.337	0.326	0.361	0.312
Spanish	0.234	0.597	(D)	(X)	(X)
Valencias	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Virginias	0.370	0.349	(D)	0.308	0.214
All	0.335	0.360	0.331	0.361	0.308
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Marketings 1/					
Runners	66,463	52,421	22,244	25,087	43,920
Spanish	186	5,642	(D)	-	-
Valencias	-	-	-	-	-
Virginias	9,120	11,479	(D)	82	1,884
All	75,769	69,542	25,609	25,169	45,804

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Not applicable.

Quarterly Hogs

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.15 for the September-November period, compared to 10.02 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2012 – February 2013 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2012, and up 1 percent from 2011. Intended farrowings for March-May 2013, at 2.93 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2012, but up slightly from 2011.

HOGS AND PIGS: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory by State and United States, December 1, 2011 and 2012

State	Breeding		2012 as Percent of 2011	Market		2012 as Percent of 2011	Total		2012 as Percent of 2011
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
Arkansas	60	63	105	47	47	100	107	110	103
Colorado	150	145	97	570	565	99	720	710	99
Illinois	480	490	102	4,170	4,110	99	4,650	4,600	99
Indiana	300	280	93	3,500	3,520	101	3,800	3,800	100
Iowa	1,010	1,030	102	18,990	19,570	103	20,000	20,600	103
Kansas	170	170	100	1,720	1,740	101	1,890	1,910	101
Michigan	110	110	100	940	970	103	1,050	1,080	103
Minnesota	560	560	100	7,240	7,090	98	7,800	7,650	98
Missouri	355	350	99	2,395	2,400	100	2,750	2,750	100
Nebraska	385	380	99	2,765	2,620	95	3,150	3,000	95
North Carolina	850	860	101	8,050	8,140	101	8,900	9,000	101
Ohio	170	165	97	2,030	1,880	93	2,200	2,045	93
Oklahoma	410	420	102	1,890	1,900	101	2,300	2,320	101
Pennsylvania	100	100	100	1,030	1,030	100	1,130	1,130	100
South Carolina	10	10	100	200	230	115	210	240	114
South Dakota	170	165	97	1,230	1,035	84	1,400	1,200	86
Texas	90	85	94	730	735	101	820	820	100
Wisconsin	43	47	109	297	273	92	340	320	94
United States	5,803	5,817	100	60,558	60,531	100	66,361	66,348	100

1/ May not add due to rounding.

WHEAT SEEDINGS

WINTER WHEAT seeded in SOUTH CAROLINA during the fall of 2012 for the 2013 crop is estimated at 235,000 acres. This is 24 percent above the crop of 2011, and the same for the 2013 crop year.

WINTER WHEAT: Planted area for harvest in the UNITED STATES in 2013 is estimated at 41.8 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012 and 3 percent above 2011. Seeding began last August but by the middle of September was behind the 5-year average as producers waited for improved soil moisture levels. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed ahead of last year and the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded by Selected State and United States, 2011-2013

Selected States	2011	2012	2013	2013 as a percent 2012
	(1,000 acres)			(percent)
Alabama	220	220	240	109
Florida	12	20	20	100
Georgia	250	290	410	141
Kansas	8,800	9,500	9,300	98
North Carolina	700	830	960	116
South Carolina	190	235	235	100
Texas	5,300	5,700	5,800	102
United States	40,646	41,324	41,820	101

